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Commissioner Robert Taub, Chairman
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Commissioner Nanci Langley
Commissioner Mark Acton
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

We join the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC), the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year, so if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission.

The mission of St. Francis of Assisi School is to educate the whole person within a Christ-centered, Catholic community that fosters active faith, provides a balanced curriculum and promotes academic growth to prepare students for success.

Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will have a negative impact on our mission and the people we serve. We rely on fundraising to cover school operating expenses that our tuition does not cover. If we are not able to mount campaigns that will involve using the US mail to get our need across to our donors, it will seriously impact the number of donations that we rely on to provide our students with high level education they deserve.

Please do the right thing and reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Leifer
Principal

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